SOME REMARKS ON THE KUBJIKAMATATANTRA

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As was previously announced (1), a team of the Institute of Oriental Languages at the State University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, is preparing a critical edition of the Kubjikāmatatantra. Together with several other texts this Tantra belongs to the so-called Paścimāmnāya. The first attempt to describe and classify this group of texts was made by Hara Prasad Śastri (2). who mentions twenty-four MSS. in the Durbar Library (3) belonging to this particular school. Some years ago the "Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft" together with the Nepalese Government embarked upon the enormous task of making a complete inventory of the Sanskrit MSS. in Nepal and of preserving them by making microfilms thereof. An extensive catalogue though not yet completed, is now available. In 1974 I was able (4) to spend some time at the "Preussische Staatsbibliothek" in Marburg in order to consult this catalogue. There I compiled a list of more than 250 MSS. containing many texts belonging to the Paścimāmnāya. Thanks to the co-operation of Dr. M. Witzel, at present in Kathmandu for the D.M.G. we now possess in Utrecht microfilms of twenty-five MSS. mostly of the Kubjikamatatantra.

The Kubjikāmatatantra and the Şaţsāhasrasamhitā (5)

The Kubjikāmatatantra (6), which appears also under the name Kulālikāmnāya in the catalogue of the National Archives, is available in two versions: a shorter version of approximately 3500 ślokas (25 paṭalas) to which we shall refer as the Kubjikāmatantra (KmT.), and a longer version of approximately 6200 ślokas (50 paṭalas) referred to as the Ṣaṭsāhasrasaṃhitā (ṢaṭSS.) (7), a name found in the colophons. Both texts are closely related: the greater part of the KmT.(8) can be found almost verbatim in the ṢaṭSS.

There are four reasons which account for the difference of some 3000 ślokas between the two texts:

- I) The SatSS. provides additional information elaborating in more detail on certain passages in the KmT. In Paṭala X (9), for instance, the KmT. makes some general remarks on the Kaulācāra; it states, that without the Samaya one is liable to become a "nirācāryātmika ācārya", but this Samaya is not given in the text. In the corresponding place of the Sat-SS. (10) however, this Samaya is presented: it proves to be eight rules of conduct.
- II) The ṢaṭSS. deals more in extenso with a number of subjects. It gives more particulars, often in relation to the practical side of the worship. In the case of the six Dūtīs of Kubjikā the ṢaṭSS. gives a good deal of information concerning ritual, its result etc. This is illustrated in the case of the Śikhādūtī, who is treated far more extensively than in the KmT. (11).
- III) The SatSS. deals with subjects not found in the KmT. An extensive part of the SatSS. (12) is dedicated to the line of Nathas and Siddhas, who

passed on the text down to our times.

IV) A final reason for the SatSS. to contain more ślokas, is a purely technical one; it does not regard its contents. According to the Samvartarthaprakāśa (13), knowledge of Prastāra and Gahvara is indispensable for a good understanding of the Paścimāmnāya. Subsequently, the text enumerates fourteen different Prastaras and fourteen different Gahvaras. Here we find a peculiar feature of the Paścimamnaya, to wit: a tendency to present the Bijas and Mantras in a concealed way. The practice of making part of the text unitelligible to laymen by, for instance, interchanging the akṣaras of a line, the vyākulitākṣara-method (14), is well known. The Paścimamnaya, however, appears to have developed a rather unique system. Apart from the fact that a Mantra can be given in reversed order (vilomena, vyutkramena), and/or interwined with another Mantra (15), we also find in texts of the Pascimamnaya that every aksara is concealed. This is done with the aid of the Prastaraor the Gahvaracode: the Prastara is a geometrical figure which probably has a square as its basic form; the Gahvara is probably a triangle (16). The figure is divided into 49 smaller squares or triangles, in which the 49 aksaras (17) of the alphabet are inserted in an order depending on the particular Prastara or Gahvara. An aksara is given in the texts by referring to its position in relation to adjoining aksaras. In the Malinigahvara (18), which is used to give the Nadiphanta (19), the akṣara HA, for instance, may be referred to in eight different ways. It is obvious, that this method of describing a Bija or Mantra takes up a lot of space. As an illustration of this we may give the Bija HRAM according to the Malinigahvara:

VA-MA-madhyagatam(=HA) grhya. THA-LA-madhyāsane(=RA)

sthitam

JHA-kārāntahatam(=Ā) caiva, DHĀdho(=AM) mūrdhni pradī
pitam

pitam
// (20)

This presentation of a Bija has the advantage of facilitating the correct reading, especially in the case of more intricate Bijas consisting of several consonants; as such, it presents a contrast to other texts where we find complicated ligatures often difficult to read. Although the KmT. does use the Mālinīgahvara in three instances (21), the SatSS. makes a much wider use of these codes. We find in the SatSS. the rules for drawing three Gahvaras: the Mālinīgahvara (22), the Yonigahvara (23) and the Vajragahvara (24), which are all mentioned in the Saṃvartārthaprakāśa (25). An example of a Prastāra can be found in the Śrimatatantrasāra (26), where the Candradvipaprastāra is used to give the names of the Nāthas.

The Paścimamnaya

As mentioned before, the tradition to which the KmT. and the ṢaṭSS. belong, is the so-called Paścimāmnāya (27). According to the Kubjikānityāhnikatilaka (28) (KnT.), which is the same text as the Nityāhnikatilaka in Śāstri's catalogue (29), this Western Tradition is the ultimate tradition beyond which there is nothing:

vedāntaparamam śaivam, śivā dakṣiṇam uttamam / dakṣiṇāt paścimam śreṣṭham, ataḥ parataram na hi // (30)

Wether the Paścimāmnāya is completely identical to the Kulāmnāya as Bagchi (31) suggests, or that it merely constitutes a sub-division of this Kula-system, cannot be decided at the moment due to a lack of sufficient knowledge of the Kulasystem and the texts of the Paścimāmnāya.

The Patalas in the SatSS. (32) dealing with the Nathas and Siddhas of the Paścimāmnāya mention, among numerous others, Khagendra, Kūrma, Meșa and Matsyendranatha, who are believed to have revealed the Kula-system in the four subsequent Yugas (33). The same names we find in the twelfth chapter of the Netratantra treating of Kuleśvara (34). This Matsendra (35), or Mīna as he is also called (36), however, does not seem to play a very important role in the spreading of the Paścimāmnāya, unless he would be the same as Tūṣṇīśanātha, the Ādinātha of the Paścimāmnāya (37). Some ground for this identification is found in the SatSS. (38). Unfortunately, the text is difficult to understand. The author of the SatSS. apparently lays an etymological link between the names of Mina and Tuṣṇiśa, because both took the vow of silence, the maunavrata. References to a fish are not, to my knowledge, found in the ṢaṭSS. Tūṣṇīśa is credited in the ṢaṭSS. with the revelation of the Khecarīkrama (39). This took place on the Candraparvata near Candrapura (40), a town in Konkana (41) on the shores of the Western Ocean (42). In the KnT. (43) it was perhaps Tūṣṇīśa who converted nine Buddhist monks to become his first disciples; however, the reading on this point is uncertain. The names of these converted monks are: Gagana, Kumuda, Padma, Bairava, Deva, Kamala, Śiva, Rāma and Krsna. They appear once more in the list of the nine Nāthas in the KnT. (44) Although the KnT. has not yet been published, part of it has been reproduced in the Kaulajñānanirnaya; here this list of the nine Nāthas is found together with another list of the sixteen Mahasiddhas (45).

Apart from the above mentioned town of Candrapura (46) in Konkana, there are more indications that this part of India was of special interest to the Paścimāmnāya. The Manthānabhairavatantra (47) opens with the names of the sixteen Mahāsiddhas (vide supra); the list is concluded with the line: sodaśaite mahāsiddhāh kunkane hy adhikārinah. The SatSS. (48) reads: siddhās trīny āvatāram prathamakaliyuge konkane cādhikāram teṣām vai putraśiṣyā nava puruṣakramās teṣu madhyā dviraṣṭau. The Prāyaścitta for scolding an inhabitant of Konkaṇa consists, according to the KmT. (49) of reciting a particular Mantra three times. Among the mountains mentioned in the texts, the Trikūṭa (50) is important; according to Sircar (51), a mountain of this name is situated in Northern Konkaṇa Matsyendra's wife was called Kunkuṇāmbā (52). Kubjikā's Astrāngadevī is Konkaṇeśānī (53).

Besides these references to Konkana, there are still other indications that the Western part of India was important. A certain Vajrabodhi gave instruction in the teachings to eight Nāthas on the mountain Arbuda (54). On folio 354B of the SatSS. it is stated that the Adhikāra was made on the Śriśaila and on the Arbuda in the Pāripātra. Although the Śriśaila is a well known mountain in the South of India (55), it is here most probably identical to the Candraparvata, the mountain in Konkana (vide supra), which again in its turn may be the same as the Candragiri (56). These two mountains, the Candragiri and the Arbuda, are best known as two of the five sacred hills of the Jainas (57). This possible connection with Jainism would be understandable in the legend of Matsyendra and his two sons, Neminātha and Pārśvanātha who became the founders of Jainism (58). The importance of the Arbuda for the Kula-system may also

be understood from the fact that in the Kaulajñānanirṇaya (59) the Arbuda is included in the four Pīṭhas: Kāmākhya, Pūrṇagiri, Odiyāna and Arbuda.

Although it is hazardous to draw any conclusion from the above mentioned facts, it might perhaps be suggested that the tradition of the Paścimāmnāya corresponds with that of the Kulāmnāya upto Matsyendra, who under the name Tūṣṇīśa seems to belong properly to the Paścimāmnāya. The reason for the importance of Konkaṇa cannot be solved in the present state of research, but other Paścimāmnāya-texts may perhaps clarify the matter.

Malini and Kubjika

Both the KmT. and the ŞatSS. start with six and twelve Patalas respectively, dealing with subjects of a general nature. Apparently, these Patalas do not belong to the Pascimamnaya exclusively. Indeed, these Patalas would seem to belong to the Kulamnaya in general. The main idea of these introductory Patalas centers around Mālinī as a form of Devī and Śiva/Bhairava as Śabdarāśi. The story of Mālini's birth, as told in the KmT. (60) runs briefly as follows: "During a visit of Bhairava to Himavan, the latter is presented with a boon. Himavan asks Bhairava to accept his daughter Kalika as a bond-maid. Bhairava agrees to this and marries her after some time. One day Bhairava disappears and Devi in her quest for him reaches the Candraparvata (vide supra), where she stays for a long time. She takes the form of a Linga and envelops the complete world. Bhairava is greatly astonished and decides to worship her with a Varnamālā called Mālinī or Rudraśakti, the akṣaras of which have sprung from his own body. Malini asks Bhairava who he is, whereupon Bhairava explains that he is Sabdarāśi and she herself is Mālinī or Vīravali sprung from his body. Mālini does not like his answer and infuriated, she returns her akṣaras to Bhairava; next she retracts in the primordial form of the Bija, Amrtakundalini. Bhairava does not know where the aksaras have gone and begins to praise Malini in a long eulogy. Mahadevi splits the Linga asunder and appears". The remaining part of the second Patala relates how she goes around in Bharatavarsa visiting various places including the five Pīthas Odiyāna, Jālandhara, Pūrņagiri, Kāmākhya and Mātanga; in every Pitha she gives birth to daughters and sons (61).

Altough it is not clear from the text itself, it would seem that Malini is a re-creation of Devi. In Patala IV of the KmT. we find the aksaras of Malini in their proper order, the Nadiphantakrama, presented in the Malinigahvaracode each akşara being accompanied by a Sakti. The order of the aksaras differs slighty from the order which is given by Padoux (62). In the KmT. and the SatSS. we come across the Nadiphantakrama eight times (63) and although there are minor discrepancies in the order of the aksaras on each of these places, the Malini of the KmT. and the SatSS. runs as follows: NA THA R R L L CA DHA I NA U Ū BA KA KHA GA GHA NA I A VA BHA YA DA DHA THA JHA ÑA AḤ ṬA RA JA PA SA HA CHA LA Ā ṢA KṢA MA ŚA AM TA E AI O AU DA PHA (64). Having given the Malini, the KmT. describes her as: ekā hy eṣā parā yoniḥ rudrāṇām yoginām ca sā mātā śaktis tu mātrkā jñeyā sā tu jñeyā śivātmikā. (65) The KmT. does not give the Śabdarāśi and the names of the fifty Rudras here, but in a later Patala (66). The names of these Rudras are generally the same as in other texts (67). The coupling of Śabdarāśi and Mālinī takes place in the Umāmāheśvaracakra (68), or the Trikhandi as it is called in the Agnipurana (69). The Umamaheśvaracakra is a very long Mantra. The reason why Śabdarāśi and Mālini are described in these introductory Patalas, is found in a later Patala of the KmT. (70) where we read:

mālinī sabdarāsis ca, trividyāghorikāstakam / dvādaśāngam sadangam ca, etad deham kulātmakam // (71) The Mantras and Nyāsa of the Trividyā, the Aghorikāstaka, the Dvādaśānga and the Sadanga, however, are not given in the KmT. but are found in the

SatSS. (73).

After six introductory Patalas the KmT. turns rather abruptly, in Patala VII (74) to the deity who gave her name to the text, Kubjikā (75). Nowadays the name and cult of Kubjikā are hardly remembered (76); even in the older texts she is hardly more than a name (77). There is, however, one exception. The Agnipurana (78) dedicates five chapters to the worship of Kubjika including an iconographical description, which has been dealt with by Marie-Thérèse de Mallmann (79).

In Patala VII of the KmT. Devi asks Bhairava to explain to her the "para yoni" known as Samayā Kubjikā. Bhairava explains that Samayā is proclaimed by him in every Tantra; everything is based on her; she is the same in the Vama- and Daksinatantras (80); when Kuleśvari is residing in the Samaya. she is known as Kubjikā. Her six Angas are: 1) Kamalinī (=hṛdaya), (81) 2) Kuladīpā(=śiras), 3) Varvarā(=śikhā), 4) Bahurūpā(=kavaca), 5) Mahantarī (=netra) and 6) Konkaņeśanī (=astra). The Şadanga of Samayā Kubjika does not play an important role except of course in connection with the Samayāmantra, which runs as follows: Namo Bhagavati Śrikubjikayai HRĀM HRĪM HROM NA ÑA NA NA ME Aghoramukhi CHĀM CHĪM KIŅI KIŅI VICCE (82). Far more important are the six Dutis of Kubjika by which, as the SatSS. (83) states, she is known in other Tantras. The six Dūtīs and the Tantras are (84):

: Nityātantra (85) = Mahākālī or Kālikā 1) Hrdavadūti

: Siddhayogeśvaritantra 2) Sirodūtī = Justacandali

= Svacchandas; Aghoreśa (86) : Svacchandatantra 3) Sikhādūtī 4) Kavacadūti = Mohani : Sammohanatantra

: Jyotisasvarasāgara (87) = Raktacamunda 5) Netradūti

: Kubjikāmnāya (88). = Guhyakālī or Guhyakubjikā 6) Astradūti Of these six texts, four at least belong to the Kulāmnāya: Nityātantra, Siddhayogeśvarītantra, Svacchandatantra and the Kubjikāmnāya (89). Since Guhyakubjikā is obviously of special importance to the KmT. and the SatSS. she

is attributed with six Dūtīs of her own: Ksobhanī, Ākarsanī, Śaṅkharī, Mohani, Stambhani and Kşudrocchādani (90). Each Dūti of Kubjika is treated separately; particulars are given with regard to the Mantroddhara, Vidhi,

Sadhana and Phala.

According to Padoux (91), outside the Malinivijayottaratantra one comes rarely across Mālinī except in two other texts: the Parātrimsikā Vivaraņa and the Tantraloka, both by Abhinavagupta. In the KmT. and the SatSS. we find references throughout the text to Sabdarāsi, Mālinī and combinations of the two. As in the Mālinīvijayottaratantra (92) the main application of Mālinī seems to lie in the practical side of the worship, instead of the philosophical. It is not yet possible to account for this popularity of Malini in the KmT. and the SatSS. but it is probable that Malini and Kubjika are closely related. As we have seen above, when Malini returned her aksaras to Bhairava and disappeared, Bhairava started praising her in a long eulogy; it opens with the words: jaya tvam mālinī devi nirmalā malanāśinī mātā vīrāvalī devī kāruņyam. kuru vatsale (93). Mahādevī then suddenly appears out of the Linga. She is described as: nīlānjanasamaprakhyā kubjarūpā mahodarā īşatkarālavadanā varvarordhvaśiroruhā (94). It is uncertain which goddess actually appears in this form: Kālikā who had assumed the form of the Linga, or Malini who is praised in the eulogy. The description of the appearing goddess, however, fits the description of Kubjikā as we find it in the Agnipurana (95), where it is given in much greater detail. As Marie-Thérèse de Mallmann suggests (96), similar descriptions of this form of Devi can be found in other texts. Although both the KmT. and the SatSS. lack a good iconographical description of Kubjika, the KnT. (97) does provide such a description which agrees more or less with the Agnipurana. In the KnT. it reads: nīlanjanasamaprakhyā kubjirupā mahodarā damstrākarālikananā ... varvarordhvaśiroruhā Especially the dark blue colour of Kubjika seems to be characteristic (98). Although she is not mentioned in the text, it seems to be Kubjika who actually appears out of the Linga being a form of Devi/Kālikā and Mālini. This might be one of the explanations for the fact that Malini is so frequently referred to in the KmT. and the SatSS.

Notes

- K.R. van Kooij: A Critical Edition of the Kubjikamatatantra (BSOAS. Vol. XXXVI, part 3, 1973, p. 628).
- Hara Prasad Śastri: A Catalogue of Palm-Leaf and Selected Paper MSS. Belonging to the Durbar Library, Nepal (Calcutta, 1905) Vol. I, p. LXXVIIIff.
- 3. Nowadays called "The National Archives".
- 4. A grant from the "Netherlands Organization for the Advancement of Pure Research" made this possible.
- 5. Since neither of the two texts has been edited sofar, I have used the following MSS: Kubjikāmatatantra, MS. Nr. 4733; Cat. Asiatic. Soc. Nr. 5805. Şaţsāhasrasamhitā, MS. Nr. 5-428/54 ("Kulālikāmnāya") of the D.M.G.Catalogue.
- 6. Perhaps it is usefull to repeat the remark of Chintaharan Cakravartin (Yearbook RASB for 1936, Vol. III, 1939, p. 158 ff.) that the especially in Bengal well known Kubjikātantra is a completely different text.
- 7. The two MSS. called "Satsāhasra" in the D.M.G. Catalogue (1-1363 & 2-219/1565) are merely commentaries on the Satsāhasrasamhitā.
- 8. From the fourth Patala onwards, most of the text of the KmT. can be found in the SatSS.
- 9. KmT. Folio 49B.
- 10. SatSS. XVII, Folia 157.
- 11. KmT. VIII, Folio 35A; SatSS. XIV, Folio 109A ff.
- 12. SatSS. XLII-XLIV, Folio 336A ff.
- 13. Samvartārthaprakāśa, (D.M.G. Catalogue 4-1060/1622) Folio 1B.
- 14. Tantrarājatantra, (Tantrik Texts Vol. VIII) VIII, 72-90.
- 15. C.f. the Mantra of Vajrakubjikā (SatSS. XLIX, Folio 319B).
- 16. So far, I have been able to trace only three Gahvaras and one Prastara in the texts of the Paścimāmnāya which I have seen.

- 17. The 50th. akṣara, KṢA, is a combination of KA + ṢA (KmT. IV, Folio 18B).
- 18. KmT. IV, Folio 18B.
- 19. A. Padoux: Recherches sur la Symbolique et l'Énergie dans certains Textes Tantriques, (Paris, 1963) p. 254 ff.
- 20. ŞatSS. VIII, Folio 51A.
- 21. KmT. IV, Folio 18B; KmT. V, Folio 21B; KmT. VII, Folio 33A.
- 22. SatSS. VII, Folio 34B (=KmT. IV, Folio 18B).
- 23. SatSS. XXVIII, Folio 234B.
- 24. SatSS. XXXIX, Folio 316B.
- 25. Vide: Note 13.
- 26. Śrimatatantrasāra, (D.M.G. Catalogue 5-4849/1538) Folio 2A.
- 27. H.P. Śāstri: op.cit. p. LXXX.
- 28. Kubjikanityahnikatilaka, (D.M.G. Catalogue 1-239/201 ka) Folio 1B.
- 29. H.P. Sāstri: op.cit p. LXIV.
- 30. C.F. Tantrāloka, I, 48 Comm:

vedābhyah param śaivam, śaivād vāmam ca dakṣiṇam / dakṣiṇāc ca param kaulam, kaulāt parataram na hi

(quoted by K.C. Pandey: Abhinavagupta, (Benares, 1963) p. 842).

- 31. P.C. Bagchi: Kaulajñānanirnaya, (Calcutta, 1934) p. 68.
- 32. SatSS. XLII-XLIV, Folio 336A ff.
- 33. K.C. Pandey: Abhinavagupta, (Benares, 1963) p. 544.
- 34. Hélène Brunner: Un Tantra du Nord: Le "Netra Tantra" (B.E.F.E.O. Tome LXI, Paris, 1974, p. 154).
- 35. For Matsyendranatha, vide: P.C. Bagchi: op.cit. p. 6 ff.; G.W. Briggs: Goraknath and the Kanphata Yogis (Oxford, 1938), passim; N.N. Bhattacharya: Ancient Indian Rituals and their Social Contents, (Delhi, 1975) p. 137 ff.
- 36. P.C. Bagchi: op.cit. p. 7.
- 37. Śrīmatasāra, (D.M.G. Catalogue 5-4849/1538) Folio 2B.
- 38. SatSS. XLIII, Folio 342B.
- 39. The Khecarikrama seems to form an important part of the Paścimāmnāyateachings.
- N.L. Dey: The Geographical Dictionary of Ancient and Mediaeval India, (New Delhi, 1971) p. 47.
- 41. Konkana or Kunkana; vide: R.L. Turner: A Comparitive Dictionary of the Indo-Aryan Languages, (New-York, 1966) Nr. 3487.
- 42. SatSS. XLIII, Folio 342B.
- 43. KnT. Folio 17B.
- 44. KnT. Folio 18B ff.
- 45. P.C. Bagchi: op.cit. p. 68 ff.
- 46. SatSS. I, Folio 1B reads Candrapuri; c.f.: N.L. Dey: op.cit. p. 47.
- 47. Manthanabhairavatantra, (D.M.G. Catalogue 5-1928/1009).
- 48. ŞatSS. I, Folio 1B.
- 49. KmT. V, Folio 23A.
- 50. ŞatSS. I, Folio 4A: the Trikūta is further qualified as "Candrapuryākhya."
- 51. D.C. Sircar: The Sakta Pithas, (sec. rev. ed. Delhi, 1973) p. 97.
- 52. K.C. Pandey: op.cit. p. 545.
- 53. KmT. VII, Folio 31B.
- 54. ŞatSS. XLIII, Folio 352A.

- 55. N.L. Dey: op.cit. p. 193.
- 56. N.L. Dey: op.cit. p. 47.
- 57. N.L. Dey: op.cit. see under "Arbuda".
- 58. G.W. Briggs: op.cit. p. 72, 233.
- 59. VIII, 20-22; P.C. Bagchi: op.cit. p. 58.
- 60. KmT. I; II, Folio 1B ff.
- 61. All these daughters and sons are mentioned by name. Moreover, in the SatSs. (V, Folio 17A ff.) each of the sons is connected with one of the fifty Saktis of Mālinī.
- 62. A. Padoux: op.cit. p. 253; 255. Due to printing-errors, I presume, the Mālinī is not presented correctly: p. 253: ... Ī NA U ... GHA NA I ... read: ... Ī NA U ... GHA NA I ... p. 255: ... JHA NA JA ... E O ... read: ... JHA NA JA ... E AI O ...
- 63. KmT. IV; XXIV; XVIII; XVII; ŞaţSS. V; VII; XXXIII; XXXVIII.
- 64. The position of the THA is questionable: five out of the eight places (vide Note 63) put it between the L and the CA. In an attempt to bring at least some regularity in the order, I have apted for the position between the NA and the R.
- 65. KmT. IV, Folio 20A.
- 66. KmT. X, Folio 48A; KmT. XXIV, Folio 109B.
- 67. Śāradatilaka II, 29 ff; Agnipurāņa 145.
- 68. KmT. V, Folio 20A ff.
- 69. Agnipurāna 146. It is called Trikhandī, because the Mantra is divided into three parts dedicated to Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Rudra.
- 70. KmT. XVII, Folio 77A.
- 71. C.f.: Agnipurana 145, 1-5.
- 72. The Trividyā consists of three Vidyās called: Parā, Aparā and Parāparā. c.f.: Tantrāloka I, 111 Comm: kulaprakriyāyām tisraḥ śaktayaḥ parādyāḥ/
- 73. SatSS. XI; XII, Folio 82B ff.
- 74. KmT., Folio 30B.
- 75. She is also called Kubji or Kubjini.
- 76. H.P. Sastri: op.cit. p. LXXVIII.
- 77. Vāmakeśvarīmata (Kashmir Sanskrit Series), 28. K.R. van Kooy: Worship of the Goddess Aaccording to the Kālikāpurāņa, (Leiden, 1972, Part I): vide Index of Proper Names.
- 78. Agnipurana 143-147.
- 79. Marie-Thérèse de Mallmann: Les Enseignements Iconographiques de l'Agnipurāṇa, (Paris, 1963) p. 159 ff.
- 80. C.f.: K.C. Pandey: op.cit. p. 610.
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- 85. KmT. VII, Folio 32B: Kalikakhya Mahatantra.
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- 87. KnT. Folio 9A: Jyotişasvarodaya.
- 88. ŞaṭSS. XVI, Folio 144A; KmT. X, Folio 44B: Kulālītantra. KnT. Folio 9A: Guhyatantreśvarītantra.

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ZUM VERHÄLTNIS VON BHAKTI UND ADVAITA IM BHĀGAVATA-PURĀŅA

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Zu der vorliegenden Wortstudie zum Begriff atmarama im Bhagavata-Purana (BhP) wurde ich angeregt durch Adalbert Gails Buch Bhakti im Bhagavatapurana (München 1969). Gails These zum Verhältnis von Bhakti und Monismus lautet: "Das BhP beweist, daß Śankara's Monismus mit der Liebesidee vereinbar ist." (Op.cit., S. 93). Er wendet sich damit gegen Hackers Beurteilung dieses Verhältnisses: "Der Theismus und die Bhakti lassen aber eine Steigerung des Monismus und Illusionismus bis zu den Extremen, die in der Śankaraschule üblich waren, nicht zu: im radikalsten Monismus verliert das Gegenüber der Seele zu dem Gott und die Emotion der Hingabe, auf die das Bhagavata so großen Wert legt, jedes Interesse." (Paul Hacker, Prahlada, Werden und Wandlungen einer Idealgestalt (Mainz 1959), I, S. 126; Gail, op. cit. S. 93).

Daß es Identifikationsbestrebungen von Bhakti- und Advaita-Spiritualität im BhP gibt, steht außer Frage. Trotzdem möchte ich die Meinungsverschiedenheit zwischen Gail und Hacker aufgreifen und im Text selber darüber Aufschluß suchen, wo die Wurzeln der Identifikationen des BhP, bzw. die Ursachen für das Bewußtsein eines Gegensatzes von Bhakti und Advaita liegen (1).

Dies kann hier nur anhand eines einzigen Wortes versucht werden, womit aber vielleicht ein erster Schritt zur Untersuchung der philosophischen Passagen des BhP getan wäre. Methodisch schließe ich mich bei dieser Untersuchung Gail an, insofern ich mich auf das BhP beschränke, also keinen Textvergleich anstelle. Ich versuche jedoch, mir der Ergebnisse der Kirfelschen und Hackerschen text- und ideengeschichtlichen Methode bewußt zu bleiben. Das bedeutet zwar, die bisher immer postulierte und akzeptierte literarische Einheit des BhP als Arbeitshypothese zu respektieren, sie aber gleichzeitig zu hinterfragen, indem die grundlegendsten literaturwissenschaftlichen Kategorien formaler Textanalyse berücksichtigt werden. Im Fall dieser Wortstudie wird auf die inhaltlichen wie formalen Kontexte von atmarama zu achten sein, so daß Vorkommen und Beurteilung traditionellen Materials, eventuelle Stellungnahmen vom Standpunkt des Erzählers, Erwähnung konkreter gesellschaftlicher Bedingungen usw. mit interpretiert werden können.

Ich gehe aus von der Stelle X, 32,16-22, deren Übersetzung Gail seiner Arbeit als "Motto" voranstellt. Es handelt sich um ein Lehrgespräch, bzw. eine Lehrrede; die Gopis fragen Kṛṣṇa nach den verschiedenen Formen, bzw. Motivationen von bhakti. Ihrer Frage mag die Doppelbedeutung der Wurzel bhajzugrunde liegen: teilnehmen und teilgeben. Lieben als Antwort auf Geliebtwerden ist das Naheliegendste, aber Kṛṣṇa wertet es als Selbstsucht (svārtha) ab. Lieben schlechthin, aus Mitleid, Großzügigkeit usw., wird bezeichnenderweise nicht bhakti genannt, sondern mit dharma umschrieben, vielleicht weil hier die Gegenseitigkeit der Beziehung – teilnehmen und teilgeben – fehlt.